

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 28, 2009 alleges the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention and that the "species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1."

The Office alleges the species are the "populations listed in their respective order in claim 16" and requires Applicant "to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable."

In accordance with Office procedures, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, the species: **Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*)**. Applicant believes claims 1, 2, 14-16, 19-49 are readable on the elected species.

The traversal is based on the grounds that the special technical feature that links the various species is provided by, among others, claim 1 upon which claim 16 depends. As provided in PCT Rule 13.2, Applicant strongly disagrees with the Office's characterization that the species in the application lacks Unity of Invention under the PCT and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the election of species requirement.

It is believed that no extensions of time are required with this response as the response is being timely filed on the next succeeding day which is not a Sunday. If this is not correct, however, please deduct any required fees for this submission from Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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